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### **Expert meeting to facilitate dialogue on possible negotiations of a Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty (FMCT)**

Kathmandu, 16 December 2019 (UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific) – The United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD) in cooperation with the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (UNREC) and the Geneva Branch of the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) is organizing an expert meeting on the possible future negotiations of a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices. The meeting will take place in Bangkok, Thailand, on 17 – 18 December 2019.

The round-table discussion aims to facilitate dialogue at the regional and cross-regional levels among experts from Asia and Africa on the possible future negotiations of a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices and to facilitate the contribution of regional expertise and experience into these negotiations. The event will provide an opportunity to share information about the outcomes of the High-Level Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty (FMCT) Expert Preparatory Group (HLEPG), which concluded its work in June 2018, on issues relevant to banning the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, as well as implications of a future treaty and its relationship with already existing global and regional instruments.

The High-Level FMCT Expert Preparatory Group was established in 2017, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/259, “to consider and make recommendations on substantial elements of a future non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.”

The workshop is made possible with the financial support from the European Union pursuant to Council Decision 2017/2284 “to provide support to States in the African, Asia-Pacific and Latin America and Caribbean regions to participate in the high-level fissile material cut-off treaty expert preparatory group consultative process.”

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